

REMARKS

Claims 26-49 are now in the application. By this Amendment, claims 26-41 have been amended to improve their form, but not to limit the claim scope. Claims 42-49 have previously been withdrawn by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action requests that Applicants provide an answer to the interrogatory where the claim features of new or amended claims are supported in the specification as filed. The requested information is provided below. Applicants note that the claim features are in no way limited to the specific embodiments discussed below for providing support to answer the interrogatory in the Office Action, but that the claim features are to be interpreted firstly in light of Applicants' disclosure as a whole and secondly by their meaning in the art. As set forth in the Office Action, no support has to be provided for non-elected claims 42-49.

Claim	Claim feature	Support
26	All	Original claim 1
26	A complete ammunition round intended to be loaded as a coherent unit	Page 1, lines 7-8; Figs. 1 and 2, reference numeral ("r. n.") 1
26	a block powder propellant charge comprising a projectile arranged on a front end thereof and a bottom piece arranged on a rear end thereof	Page 7, line 12-15; Figs. 1 and 2, r. n.'s 6, 3, and 5
26	block powder propellant charge	Figs. 1 and 2, r. n. 6; Figs. 1 and 2, r. n.'s 6, 3, and 5
26	a projectile arranged on a front end thereof	Figs. 1 and 2, r.n. 3; Figs. 1 and 2, r. n. 17

26	wherein the block powder propellant charge is for propulsion of the projectile through a barrel	Page 1, lines 10-12
26	a firing device arranged on the bottom piece of the block powder propellant charge	Page 1, lines 13-15; Fig. 1, r.n. 4 and 4a, Fig. 2, r.n. 4 and 4b
26	an elongate inner component arranged on or in close proximity to the projectile and mounted on the firing device through the block powder propellant charge	Page 7, lines 20-23; Figs. 1 and 2, r. n. 2
26	wherein the block powder propellant charge is a load-absorbing propellant charge	Page 7, lines 24-29
26	wherein the block powder charge and the elongate inner component have sufficient rigidity for bearing a load	Page 7, lines 33-37
26	an external, insulating surface, coating and/or application which is of insufficient rigidity to bear the load	Page 7, line 38 – page 8, line 2; Fig. 1, r. n. 9 and Fig. 2, r. n. 9a
26	wherein the complete ammunition round is caseless	Page 7, lines 18-19
27	the elongate inner component comprises a load-transferring element anchored firmly between the projectile and the firing device	Page 8, lines 7-9
28	the elongate inner component comprises a combustible material	Page 8, lines 11-12

29	the block powder propellant charge is attached to the elongate inner component via an adhesive connection	Page 8, lines 14-15
30	the block powder propellant charge is arranged so as to engage in at least a rear part of the projectile and/or a front part of the bottom piece	Page 8, lines 17-19; Fig. 1, r.n. 8a, 8b, and 18, Fig. 2, r.n. 8a and 8b
30	a rear part of the projectile	Fig. 1, r.n. 8a and 18, Fig. 2, r.n. 8a
30	a front part of the bottom piece	Fig. 1, r.n. 8b and 22 and Fig. 2, r.n. 8b
31	the block powder propellant charge comprises a multi-perforated progressive block powder	Page 8, lines 21-22
32	the block powder propellant charge comprises a plurality of part elements which are joined together by means of a binder to form a finished, cartridge-shaped block powder propellant charge	Page 8, lines 24-27
33	the insulating surface comprises a non-load-bearing, at least outer, shrink film	Page 8, lines 29-30
34	the insulating coating comprises a non-load-bearing dimeric or polymeric raw material comprising hydrocarbons	Page 8, lines 32-24
35	the application comprises painting or other covering by means of a solution or emulsion	Page 8, lines 36-37

36	the external, insulating surface, coating and/or application is moisture-repellent or moisture-proof	Page 9, lines 1-2
37	the external, insulating surface, coating and/or application is electrically insulating	Page 9, lines 4-5
38	the external, insulating surface, coating and/or application covers all sides of the propellant charge	Page 9, lines 7-8; Fig. 1, r.n. 7a Fig. 2, r.n. 7b
39	the bottom piece is made of a combustible material	Page 9, line 10
40	the firing device comprises a plasma torch	Page 9, line 13; Fig. 1, r.n. 4a
41	the firing device comprises a fuse	Page 9, line 15; Fig. 2, r.n. 4b

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes an interview may help in further prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number set forth below.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20459-00393-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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